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Press and invitees are expected at 4 pm - 5 p.m.

A dazzling number of booths with unique products have taken up residence for the next two weeks; the show will be open daily from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM. Some interesting items are vol-canic-rock clad cookware that requires no oil for cooking; special backpacks that can be made either hot or cold for relieving back pain, or adjusted to almost any part of the body, and made to order skin cream based on freshly pulverized shells mixed with the natural ingredients required for a person's particular condition they need remedied

Many of the items bear that well known label "as seen on TV" but at cut rate prices requiring no shipping charges. From magnetic shoe inserts to massage the feet while walking-to full blown



Made to order skin cream

massage chairs and lounge cushions, there is a wealth of gadgets aimed at making you feel, eat and look better, not to mention the dozens of dietary supplements.

Home décor items and house wares, usually with a healthy or soothing touch are also being offered, so there is plenty of interesting things to explore and sample during these next two weeks at the Global Beauty and Trade Show.

Rosalie Klein
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## Dutch PM holds crisis meeting as early elections loom

THE NETHERLANDS -- (AFP) Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte will convene his cabinet Monday for crisis talks on possible polls after the ruling coalition's rightwing ally quit make-or-break austerity talks.

Rutte's 19-member cabinet is set to meet in The Hague after far-right leader Geert Wilders Saturday quit

belt-tightening talks at the 11th hour, saying his party rejected demands by the European Union.

"Tomorrow, he has to discuss the situation with his cabinet. I expect he might make a formal announcement on elections," said Dutch political columnist Rene Tissen.

"As from now, the Rutte government is a true minority

government. The deal with (Wilders' party) has expired," added Tissen, who is also a business economics professor at Nijenrode University near Utrecht.

Talks kicked off on March 5 to cut some 16 billion euros (U\$21 billion) off the budget.

The Dutch central planning bureau forecast last month that the 2013 public deficit would rise to 4.7 percent of domestic gross product under current conditions.

The EU deficit ceiling is 3.0 percent of GDP.

The figures were a blow for the government, which had insisted that countries in breach of European Union deficit rules had to be rigorous in correcting public finances.

The austerity package at the centre of the row included a slight rise in Value-Added Tax (VAT), a freeze on civil servants' wages and a cut in spending in both health and development, Dutch media reported.

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During the annual ARDA convention in Las Vegas

#### Aruba, St Maarten provide Caribbean timeshare perspectives

Aruba contributed its views on the role of timeshare during the annual convention of the American Resort Development Association (ARDA), held earlier this month in Las Vegas. The Aruba delegation consisted of timeshare executives from Playa Linda, La Cabana, Paradise Villas and Divi resorts, who attended different seminars and workshops, in addition to attendance at the trade show. Jan van Nes, chairman of the Aruba Time Share Association (ATSA), and Jim Rosen, vice-chairman of the St. Maarten Timeshare Association (SMTA), were also featured speakers on "Timeshare Development in the Caribbean Region", along with fellow speakers from the US Virgin Islands, Jamaica and the Bahamas.

ARDA features a Caribbean chapter as a result of the growth of timeshare within the Caribbean region. Among Caribbean islands, Aruba and St. Maarten stand out with a substantial amount of timeshare units. On St. Maarten timeshare tourists

account for up to 70% of total stay-over guests, where the number in Aruba is close to 45%; a significant number which has made timeshare on the two islands a very important component of the tourism industry. Together, Aruba and St. Maarten make up about 50% of the amount of timeshare units in the Caribbean.

Both Jan and Jim made a strong point for hotel associations and tourism authorities not to spend every dime on marketing, but also dedicate and lobby for island governments and businesses to spend on their Product. Both speakers also made a call for timeshare developers to include Aruba and St. Maarten in their development plans, as timeshare has proven a successful concept.

Jan van Nes emphasized the benefits timeshare has provided Aruba. He also voiced the need for the Caribbean to work on security, product as well as the perception of being overpriced.

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# ELMAR intent on offering better and more services to clients

According to ELMAR NV's Director, Ing. Robert Henriquez ..."We have begun traveling this route together with our employees which should eventually result in more and better services to our clients." He went on to say that ..."The fact that we are the only electricity distributor on Aruba does not mean that our clients must adapt to our policies, instead it is ELMAR that should adapt to the needs of our clients."

The union representing ELMAR employees, U.E.A., apparently is not happy and concerned about three matters. One is the civil case in Court which a group of supervisors known as "IAO"

levied against ELMAR, which case they also won against the company. The company is currently contemplating how they will pay each of these employees in supervisory positions.

To compound the situation, according to ELMAR's management, now the UEA is urging the company to provide the very same compensation to all employees of the company and not just to the supervisors! Management explained to the union that they have a legitimate CAO valid up to next year. Hence, they cannot make any changes midstream of that collective working agreement. ELMAR is convinced that to include all employees in an eventual

package such as that of the supervisors will have a farreaching negative financial impact on the company.

The other concern of the union (UEA) goes directly against the grain of the new management philosophy of ELMAR, which is to move closer to their clients, offering better and more services. They want to offer clients more options to choose services or payment plans. In this context they decided to change the custom of closing from Christmas until after New Years. ELMAR met with all employees to share their new philosophy. But, now the union is doing their best, according to ELMAR to jeopardize the process of offering clients more services.

ELMAR is in an advance stage together with their employees to change the culture of the company and to focus more on service. They deeply regret that in this process the union has chosen to deal with these matters on the street and in the Press. Management claims that they are open to negotiate at the table to reach concrete agreements together that will bring progress to the company and to their employees.

#### 'Hunger Games' dislodged from top US box office perch



LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Smash hit "The Hunger Games" finally lost its position atop the North American box office, as newcomer "Think Like A Man" stormed to the number one slot, weekend estimates showed Sunday.

The ensemble comedy "Think Like A Man," that garnered mediocre reviews, made \$33 million in its opening weekend, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

In second place was another debut, romantic drama "The Lucky One," starring teen heart throbs Zac Efron and Taylor Schilling, which made \$22.8 million in its opening few days.

Third spot was the Jennifer Lawrence-starring blockbuster "Hunger Games," with just \$14.5 million this week but a whopping \$356.9 million total over its five-week release.

In fourth was another debut, "Chimpanzee," a true-life child-friendly adventure tale of a special chimp, which brought in \$10.2 million. It came in just ahead of fifth place "The Three Stooges," in its second week. The Farrelly brothers' tribute to the US comedy trio brought in \$9.2 million.





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Dutch P.M. Mark Rutte

But on Saturday the eurosceptic Wilders, who is also an anti-Islamist campaigner in the Netherlands, said his party could not "live up to the demands Brussels is putting on us."

"Money is being taken from the wallets of pensioners," Wilders said.

Most analysts on Sunday said polls after summer were inevitable, but they differed on whether snap elections would affect the Netherlands top notch credit rating.

Apart from Finland, Germany and Luxembourg, the Netherlands is the only European country left which has AAA ratings from all three major agencies.

New elections "would be a disaster for the Dutch AAA rating as well as the real economy," said Arnold Heertje, a retired economics professor, saying unemployment, lower economic growth and loss in investment would follow.

But Thomas Cool, former economist at the Dutch central statistics office said any change would not damage the Dutch economy on a broader scale.

Cool said he believed the Dutch government would re-



PVV's leader Geert Wilders sign and as a parting shot leave a budget cut proposal that would fall within the EU's deficit demands.

"The Netherlands remains one of the more reliable countries in Europe, compared to Greece or Spain," he told AFP.

Rutte's government was sworn in in October 2010 following the fall of the then prime minister Jan Peter Balkenende in February that year in a dispute over continued military support to NATO forces in Afghanistan.

# The Election will be about Europe and the euro, says Wilders

The forthcoming election campaign will be about Europe and the euro, PVV leader Geert Wilders said at the weekend, following his decision to pull out of austerity talks to reduce the budget deficit below the eurozone 3% limit.

The PVV is 'against Europe, against the 3% and against the euro,' Wilders told reporters following the collapse of the negotiations on

Saturday. Although an election has not yet been called, a national vote is widely expected to take place in the autumn.

After seven weeks of negotiations, Wilders now has his hands free to do what he wants - carry out an election campaign, the Volkskrant said in an analysis. 'Wilders is paying a high price for his freedom. He is now completely alone in parliament,' the paper pointed out.

Commentators say Wilders must realise he will not be part of any future coalition government, even with the VVD. In particular, they point at the sharp language used by the prime minister when he put the blame for the collapse of the talks firmly on the PVV leader's shoulders.



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# Meta Corp & Starbucks partner for Save the Earth Day event



Photo depicts Zugheila and Magaly presenting Mireya Simon with her gifts. Mireya Simon was the winner of a weekend stay at Renaissance Resort as well as a bag full of Starbucks logo gear for the largest amount of recycled refuse, Individual Category. She weighed in with 103.5 kilos of recyclable waste. Athlete's Foot store brought in 400 kilos to win a the use of a large waste container for a weekend from Eco Tech and the children of ABC Preschool won a day at The Cinemas for their efforts. The total recyclable material collected during the Starbucks/MetaCorp Save the Earth Day effort was 5000+ kilos.



Artful idea for using old newpapers

Renaissance Marketplace was buzzing with excitement yesterday as Meta Corp hosted a special Save the Earth event with Starbucks, in honor of International Earth Day.



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mental Committee

Over a month ago it was announced that Meta's Recycling and Waste Disposal Unit, Eco Tech, would be setting up a station at the mall to

A pickup full of cartons and bottles for recycling

cartons and papers, plastic bottles and metals were weighed and counted, with an important prize for the winner, a week-

enthusiastic response from islanders, who were provided an exciting incentive to reduce, reuse and recycle.

**Rosalie Klein** 

end's use of an Eco Tech container to completely clean out their house and yard, which would then be hauled away to the company's recycling plant; value: 300 Arubian florins (\$170.)

Additional incentives were offered to would-be Earth Savers; every deposit earned points from Fun Miles, which are redeemable for valuable goods at a number of island vendors. Eco Tech and Fun Miles plans to make this system permanent, and hope to establish a full time station for accepting refuse very soon, with Fun Miles rewards for all who participate in the program.

Prior to Earth Day, A team from Eco Tech visited the preschools, encouraging project for the youth to make imaginative artworks with refuse. Older youngsters also participated, showing their creativity with discarded newspapers and other such items.

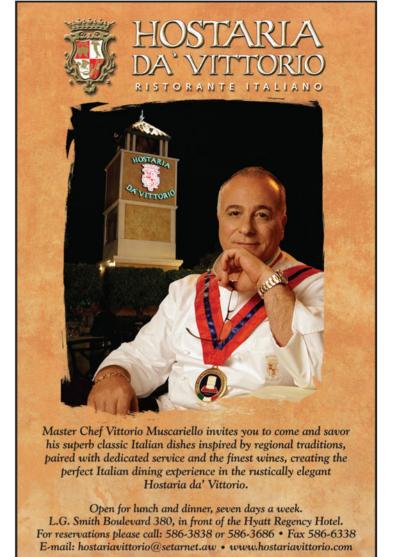
A number of non-profit environmental agencies such as Rainbow Warrior and Eco Logic also participated in the



**Rainbow Warrior Milton** Ponson poses with the Save the Earth flag

day, providing support and information on the state of the planet and gadgets any family can afford to install to





#### **Aruba, St Maarten provide Caribbean timeshare perspectives** Continued from pg 2



He explained that timeshare associations can contribute to the overall tourism industry, such as in Aruba, where ATSA was instrumental in self-assessing the industry an additional 2 percent tax, with funds dedicated solely to upgrading the island Product. Jan mentioned several projects which have already materialized, and others that are in the pipeline.

ARDA is the Washington D.C.-based trade association representing the vacation ownership and resort development industries (timeshares). ARDA has almost 1,000 corporate members ranging from privately held firms to publicly traded corporations with extensive experience in shared ownership interests in leisure real estate. The membership also includes timeshare owner associations (HOAs), resort management companies, industry vendors, suppliers, and consultants; as well as owners through the ARDA Resort Owners Coalition (ARDA-ROC). ARDA promotes the growth and development of the timeshare industry through a variety of capacities.

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# Save and Win with ECO-LOGIC

Eco Logic founder Freddy Vargas, an engineering professor at Aruba's EPI Technical School, commends WEB and ELMAR, Aruba's water and power provider and distribution company, respectively, on their "Together We Save" campaign to educate the community on methods to use less water and electricity. However, he and his colleagues at Fundacion PI have launched the ECO LOGIC program as they believe people need a little incentive, and they are offering it to the tune of 25,000 Arubian florins! (\$14,000)

ECO-LOGIC is interested in innovative thinking and success stories, which will be broadcast on Aruba's prime time news program, Telenoticias, on Channels 13 and 23 three times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, during the first commercial break.

Those who have taken to heart their responsibility for lowering their water and electric bills can be winners, aside from the expected benefit of saving money. Saving on fuel usage individually also contributes to the reduc-



tion of fuel oil needed by WEB to produce power and water, thus helping to lower their cost, which will hopefully be passed on as lowered energy surcharge, (in an ideal world perhaps, but worth a try.) It is distinctly in the interest of islanders to do their part to reduce Aruba's dependence on fuel oil.

Methods of saving money

not only means being conscientious of excessive use of air-conditioning and electrical devices, but perhaps walking when possible instead of taking the car, and checking the plumbing for leaks, and certainly deploying the blow up bags for the toilet tank that reduces the amount of water with each flush.

ECO-LOGIC is interested

in the cooperative effort made by families as a whole to reduce the household energy and water bills; this is also an indicator of educating the youngsters to not be wasteful-or perhaps the children educating the parents?

Those wishing to win big and willing to have their stories told on TV in a 3-segment can register for the con-

test by visiting the ECO LOGIC contest website www.arubaporspaar.com to fill in the entry form, or coming to their office at Emanstraat #21. Inscription costs 25 Arubian Florins, and must be accompanied by 3months of receipts from January, February and March, to demonstrate how they have cut their energy and water costs. The family that shows the greatest reduction will be the grand prize winner, which was donated by CMB Bank. PriceWaterhouseCoopers is also a sponsor of the program.

Copa Airlines has also donated tickets for two to any of their destinations as a second prize, and their prize is an energy efficient air conditioner. All those that register will receive a goodie bag containing items which will assist in cutting costs.

The TV spots will also showcase: ECO Tips, ECO Kids, ECO Homes, ECO News, ECO Criminals, and ECO Heroes; "real stories about real people," according to Mr. Vargas. All are invited to become a part of the solution, to realize we are all winners by joining in.

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## TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

#### **International News**

## Hollande beats Sarkozy in French vote as far-right surges



(L-R) Sarkozy - Hollande and Le Pen

PARIS (AFP) - Socialist challenger Francois Hollande beat Nicolas Sarkozy in the first round of France's presidential election Sunday, with a resurgent far-right emerging as possible kingmakers in the run-off.

As expected, Hollande and the wounded right-wing incumbent will now face off in the May 6 second-round, but the big surprise of the night was the record score for anti-immigrant, anti-EU flagbearer Marine Le Pen.

Hollande won between 28 and 29 percent of the vote in the first round, to Sarkozy's 25.5 to 27, and Le Pen won a best-ever 18 to 20 percent, according to estimates compiled from ballot samples by several polling agencies.

"Firstly, I am tonight in the lead among the candidates," Hollande declared before supporters in his rural political stronghold of Tulle. "I am today the best placed candidate to become the next French president.

"The second major lesson to draw from this election -- and this is undeniable -- is that the first round was a punishment and a rejection of the incumbent," he said to cheers.

Sarkozy sought to put positive spin on the result and brandished his right-wing cre-

dentials in a clear nod to Le Pen supporters, despite being the first incumbent to lose a first round-vote in modern French history.

Explaining his poor showing as the result of a first round "vote of crisis" amid global economic chaos, he insisted: "These anxieties, this suffering, I know them, I understand them."

Sarkozy also called for three televised debates before the second round but Hollande refused, saying the single planned encounter would be enough.

A jubilant Le Pen addressed her supporters after her National Front party's best ever showing, saying: "The battle of France has just begun ... we have exploded the monopoly of the two parties" -- the Socialists and Sarkozy's UMP.

The first opinion poll after the first round said that Hollande would beat Sarkozy by 54 percent to 46 in the second round and that the attitude of Le Pen's supporters could be

Far left candidate Jean-Luc Melenchon was beaten into fourth place with around 11.7 percent, a disappointment for his supporters after a barnstorming campaign, and called on the left to unite to oust Sarkozy.

The left has not won a presidential election in a quarter of a century, but with France mired in low growth and rising joblessness, opinion polls had long predicted the left would beat the right-wing incumbent.

Hollande says Sarkozy has trapped France in a downward spiral of austerity and job losses, while Sarkozy says his rival is inexperienced and weak-willed and would spark financial panic through reckless spending pledges.

## 17 Qaeda militants killed in Yemen air raid

SANAA (AFP) - Seventeen suspected Al-Qaeda militants were killed in an air raid that struck one of their hideouts in the southern town of Loder, the defence ministry said on Sunday.

The late Sunday attack brought to 57 the number of Islamist insurgents reportedly killed in south Yemen over the past three days, according to the defence ministry. AFP could not independently verify the toll.

It was unclear if the strike was carried out by the Yemeni air force or by US drones. On Wednesday the Washington Post said US drones have carried out eight airs strikes in Yemen in the past four months.

Islamist militants have been trying to seize control of Loder in the restive southern province of Abyan to expand their grip on the region.

According to the Washington Post the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is seeking permission to launch more airborne drone strikes in Yemen, even when there is a

risk the victims might not always be terrorists.

If President Barack Obama's administration gives the CIA permission for the strikes, it could represent a politically dangerous escalation of US military activity in Yemen, the Post said.

The United States has never formally acknowledged the use of drones against Al-Qaeda in Yemen, considered by Washington to be the most active and deadly branch of the global terror network.

Al-Qaeda has exploited a decline in Yemeni central government control that accompanied Arab Spring-inspired protests since last year and eventually forced veteran president Ali Abdullah Saleh to resign.

The army, backed by armed civilians, has been battling the extremist group's Yemeni branch, known as the Partisans of Sharia (Islamic law), over the control of Abyan province, most of which has fallen under the command of the Islamist insurgents.

# Blood flows in Syria despite UN presence

DAMASCUS (AFP) - Troops shot dead six civilians on Sunday in Homs despite the presence of UN military observers in the rebel province to pave the way for a 300-strong mission approved by the Security Council, monitors said.

The deaths raised to 17 the number of people killed the same day across Syria, includings, they said.

The violence came even as UN-Arab League envoy Kofi Annan singled out the government of President Bashar al-Assad in an appeal for an end to hostilities by both loyalist forces and rebels seeking to oust him.

"I urge all forces whether

governmental, opposition or others to put down their weapons and work with the United Nations monitors to consolidate the fragile cessation of violence," Annan said in a statement.

The latest bloodshed came only hours after the Security Council voted to send 300 unarmed observers to Syria for three months, although Washington warned it may veto a new mandate for the mission.

Two advance team members set up base in Homs on Sunday, mission member Neeraj Singh said earlier, a day after they made their first visit to the central protest city since arriving in Syria a week ago.

On Saturday "the team drove or walked around the city of Homs and stopped at different locations to talk to the people. Two UN military observers have now been stationed at Homs since yesterday evening," Singh told AFP.

UN observers also toured on Sunday the rebel city of Rastan in Homs province, according to Free Syrian Army spokesman Colonel Saadeddine Kassem who escorted them.

Under UN Resolution 2043, 300 military observers will be sent for an initial 90 days if UN chief Ban Ki-moon determines it is safe to go.



#### **International News**

## **China and Russia hold first** navy exercises

Beijing (AFP) - China and Russia launched their first joint naval exercises Sunday, with war games in the Yellow Sea that come amid tensions between China and its Asian neighbours over territorial claims.

The six days of drills -- the first dedicated exercises involving navies of the two countries -- are taking place off China's east coast, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Although China has said the military exercises are designed to improve regional stability, they come at a time when Beijing is boosting military spending and more forcefully stating its case in territorial disputes.

China's army newspaper warned Saturday that other military exercises now taking place in Asia between the United States and the Philippines could lead to armed confrontation over the disputed South China Sea.

China and several of its neighbours have rival claims to uninhabited islands in the strategic maritime region,

which is believed to be rich in oil and natural gas and straddles strategic shipping lanes vital to global trade.

Beijing and Tokyo also have a long-running dispute over another chain of islands in the East China Sea, called Diaoyu by China and Senkaku by Japan, which sit in rich fishing grounds that may also harbour energy resources.

China has 16 naval vessels and two submarines taking part in the exercises while Russia has four warships, according to state media.

They will focus on joint air defence, anti-submarine tactics and search and rescue, as well as simulated rescue of hijacked vessels and anti-terrorism

China and Russia have together participated in four military exercises since 2005, some involving other countries, state media has said.

China's drills with Russia have taken place through a regional grouping, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, which groups the two with central Asian countries in a forum

drills. Pakistan buries victims of airline crash

originally

South China Sea.

ISLAMABAD (AFP) - Pakistan on Sunday buried victims of an airline crash near Islamabad that killed all 127 people on board, as investigators probed the causes of the fatal incident.

established

Earlier this month, China

and the Philippines dispatched

vessels to enforce rival claims

to a group of islands in the

mented on the Sino-Russian

Japan has so far not com-

counter NATO influence.

The Bhoja Air flight from Karachi came down in fields near a village on the outskirts of the Pakistani capital on Friday evening.

Television broadcasts showed footage of distraught relatives, weeping and hugging each other, as the dozens of coffins left Islamabad's Pakistan Institute of Medical Sciences hospital where the remains had been taken.

Some nine dead bodies have not yet been identified and will undergo DNA tests. a hospital official said.

An AFP reporter who visited the hospital late Saturday said some of the remains still at the hospital were no more than body parts, stored on stretchers and covered by white sheets.

The disaster is the city's second major plane crash in less than two years -- an Airblue plane came down in bad weather in July 2010, killing 152 -- and victims' families have voiced fury at the au-

## Romney has genuine chance to beat Obama



WASHINGTON (AFP) - He has been mocked as rich and out of touch, struggled to woo his own party and left a trail of gaffes -- but Mitt Romney still has a genuine shot to make Barack Obama a one-term president.

A cascade of new polls, uncertain economic data and fresh concern that Europe's woes could cross the Atlantic, point to the Republican's best chance of beating Obama in November -- dismay about America's slow economic recovery.

Though Obama is ahead by a nose despite the slowest recovery in decades, the president has little breathing room should the economy slow this year, as it did in 2010 and

Voters seem to like Obama more and believe he cares more about the middle classes, according to early polls ahead of the November 6 election.

So, should the rebound maintain a pace that has created around million jobs over five months, and if Obama

navigates sudden crises at home and abroad, he looks well placed with his approval rating approaching 50 percent.

Yet polls suggest voters are not yet feeling the economic recovery, or Obama's strategy to create jobs -- giving Romney a fungible, yet genuine opening.

In Wall Street Journal/NBC poll this week, Obama led Romney by 49 percent to 43 percent. The New York Times/CBS survey had them pegged at 46 percent and a Quinnipiac University poll had the president up 46 to 42

Polls suggest Romney has started to unite his party after a divisive primary fight and reveal America is still a nation split down the political middle.

Romney has plenty to worry about too.

Though he leads Obama among white voters, he trails badly among the vital voting blocs of women and Hispanics -- by margins that guarantee a loss if he cannot close the gap.



THE HAGUE, The Netherlands - Two trains collided outside the Dutch city of Amsterdam near the western station of Sloterdijk on Saturday, injuring more than 117 people, with 42 seriously wounded and 1 dead(a 68 year old lady) Dutch media reported on Sunday.



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## **Health & Living**

# US nun group rejects Vatican condemnation



WASHINGTON (AFP) - The leader of a group of US Catholic nuns on week-end rejected condemnation from a Vatican report that said it defied Church doctrine.

"We haven't violated any teaching," Sister Simone Campbell, executive director of Network, a Catholic social justice lobby, told AFP, insisting the group would not stop "caring for the least among us on the margins of society."

Network was singled out for supporting women's health rights in a Vatican report this week condemning the main US association of Catholic nuns, the Leadership Conference of Women Religious (LCWR).

The three-year inquiry by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which oversees Roman Catholic doctrine,

# Thousands in Barcelona protest health, education cuts

MADRID (AFP) - Thousands of people demonstrated in the streets of Barcelona Saturday a day after the government announced cuts to public spending in health and education.

Education unions which organised the demonstration said 30,000 turned out to voice their opposition to the cuts, to be carried out at the national and at the level of the local region, Catalonia. Police put the figure at 2,000.

Rosa Canyadell, of the education USTEC said the authorities were in the process of dismantling state education

Spain's ruling conservative

Popular Party has vowed to cut the country's deficit, which reached 8.51% of GDP in 2011.

On Friday it adopted an austerity budget designed slash spending by 10 billion euros (\$13 billion) a year: three billion euros of those cuts will come from education

The measures include letting regional governments expand class sizes by 20 percent and raising university fees to an average 1,500 euros from 1,000 euros.

Spain's main unions have called for a day of protests against the cuts in health and education spending on April 29.

criticized the LCWR for taking liberal stances on contraception, homosexuality and female priests.

Campbell said that Network, which works with the LCWR and vocally supported President Barack Obama's healthcare reform legislation, would not shy away from its mission, calling the Vatican's report "painful," and also puzzling.

The LCWR has also said it was "stunned" by the report, which pointed to "serious doctrinal problems" and "unacceptable positions" on a range of issues.

The report accused members of the LCWR, which represents around 80 percent of the 45,000 nuns in the United States, of "corporate dissent" with the Church's teachings against homosexuality, and claimed it was pursuing "radical feminist themes."

Campbell lamented that the Washington DC-based Network "could dissipate our energy if we get distracted and caught up in what might be considered a battle" with the Vatican.

After the report was published, Campbell said it was "painfully obvious" the Vatican leadership was "not used to having educated women form thoughtful opinions and engage in dialogue."

LCWR has come under criticism from the Catholic hierarchy for endorsing Obama's US healthcare reform, including its provisions on abortion and contraception, in the run-up to the US election in November.

The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith said it has appointed the Archbishop of Seattle, Peter Sartain, to oversee the LCWR and ensure it follows "the teachings and discipline of the Church."

## Gene points to Achilles' heel in MRSA superbug

PARIS (AFP) - Asian outbreaks of a notorious antibiotic-resistant super-germ are being driven by a gene that helps the bug colonise the nostrils, lungs and skin and evade the immune defences, scientists said on Sunday.

So-called methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is a major worry for hospitals because of its ability to hole up in wounds, tubes and surgical devices, infecting patients whose immune system is already weak.

MRSA outbreaks happen in waves as new strains of the bacterium take over from older configurations.

But how these epidemics become established is a process that genetically has until now been unclear.

Reporting in the journal Nature Medicine, researchers in the United States and China say they found the key gene,

sasX, in samples taken from 807 patients who had been treated for S. aureus in three Chinese hospitals over the past 10 years.

Once extremely rare, sasX became more and more common, nearly doubling in frequency from 21 percent of samples in 2003 to 39 percent in 2011, they found.

At present, sasX is prominent in Asian strains of MRSA that have been detected, but it is likely to spread beyond the region, according to the report.

The gene is located in a socalled mobile genetic element, meaning that it is in a segment of DNA that can easily transfer from an old strain to a new one.

However, sasX "is a promising target" for drugs or vaccines, says the study, led by Michael Otto of the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID).

# Health Tip: Perform a Breast Self-Exam

-- A monthly breast self-exam can help you identify any changes or abnormalities early, which could lead to a better chance of successful breast cancer treatment.

The American Cancer Society offers these guidelines for performing a breast self-

exam:

•Lying down with your right arm behind your head, use the middle three fingers on your left hand to look for abnormalities using a small, circular motion.

•Alternate between using light, medium and firm pressure.

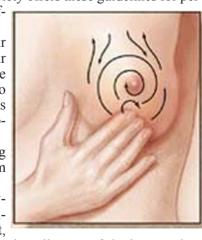
•Continue the exam moving up and down in imaginary lines on your breast,

making sure that you examine all areas of the breast, chest and underarm.

•Repeat the exam with your other hand and other breast.

•Stand up and examine your breasts in the mirror, also raising your arms to inspect underarms.

•Look for any changes in the size, shape or color of the skin, including redness, scaling or dimpling.





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#### **Sci-Tech**

# Light bulb with 20yr life unveiled in US on Earth Day



This handout image provide April 22, 2012 by Philips Communications shows a prize-winning, super energy saving LED bulb from the Dutch electronics giant Philips. The 10-watt light bulb, said to last over 20 years, went on sale online and in stores Sunday to coincide with Earth Day.

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(AFP) - A prize-winning, super energy saving LED bulb from Dutch electronics giant Philips, said to last over 20 years, went on sale online and in stores Sunday to coincide with Earth Day.

The bulb that won the 2011 US Department of Energy's "Bright Tomorrow Lighting Prize," was available from retailers for \$50, and the company said it was planning discounts to bring the cost down to as little as \$25-\$30.

The 10-watt light bulb was deemed an efficient alternative to the standard 60-watt incandescent bulb, and when used three hours a day, boasted an impressive 27.4 years maximum life span, the company said.

For consumers attentive to cost, Philips said the price tag was easily offset by energy savings of \$165 over its lifetime.

"Because the new bulb is 83 percent more energy efficient than the standard 60-watt incandescent, consumers can now experience new savings for their pocketbooks," Philips' North America executive Ed Crawford said in announcing rebates.

International Earth Day, now in its 42nd year, was celebrated by environmentalists Sunday seeking to bring attention to climate change and pollution, and highlight ways to save energy.

President Barack Obama issued a US proclamation for the day to "reflect on the challenges that remain," and confront the "most urgent environmental issues and rallied around a single message: the success of future generations depends upon how we act today."

# Google launches Street View in Israel

JERUSALEM (AFP) - Google on Sunday launched Street View in Israel, the US Internet giant said, putting on show streets and sites of interest from the Holy Land's three major cities with its 360-degree street-level images.

The imagery of "Jerusalem, Tel Aviv-Jaffa and Haifa includes sites of interest such as the Muslim, Christian, Jewish and Armenian quarters of Jerusalem's Old City, the Via Dolorosa, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Western Wall, Mount of Olives, old port of Jaffa, the Baha'i Gardens," a Google statement said.

Street View, which was launched in 2006, lets computer users view panoramic street scenes on Google Maps and take a virtual "walk" through cities such as New York, Paris or Hong Kong.

Panoramic images are taken by cars equipped with special cameras which photograph an area while driving through the streets; the images are then processed in the US, where details such as faces and registration plates are automatically blurred before being published on Google Maps.

In August, Israel's justice ministry gave Google the

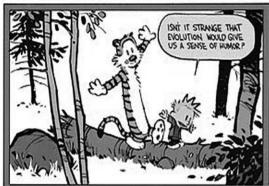
green light to start photographing the streets, but asked that Street View provide the public with a reliable way to request that further details be blurred after the images are published online.

Google said on Sunday that users would be able to ask for "additional blurring of themselves, their home or their car."

To the images available now at www.google.co.il/streetview Google will later add pictures of other cities and sites, including the Dead Sea, Nazareth, Tiberias, Acre and Eilat.



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#### **Finance**

## Wealthy Iranians spur luxury car boom



TEHRAN (AFP) - Wealthy Iranians are fuelling an unprecedented luxury car boom despite sanctions hurting their economy, paying up to \$360,000 for high-end autos, according to showroom employees and reports on Sunday.

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front for these cars, which generally cost two to three times more than abroad," one car salesman in Tehran told AFP on condition of anonymity.

A newspaper citing official customs data, Hafte-Sobh, reported that "some 563 different Porsche models were sold in the last Iranian year (to March 2012)," worth a total \$50 million before a hefty 100-percent import tax.

Porsche's goal is to sell 800 of its cars in the Islamic republic this current Iranian year, media said, underlining the inroads the flashy German automaker is making into a niche market previously dominated by the more discreet offerings from rivals BMW and Mercedes-Benz.

Maserati, the growling musclebrand owned by Italy's

Fiat, is also looking to get a slice of the action by opening its own Tehran showroom within weeks, reports say.

The ostentatious splurge by Iran's elite starkly contrasts with the straits experienced by ordinary Iranians.

They are confronted with inflation of over 20 percent, an estimated unemployment rate of 12-25 percent, a currency severely weakened in the past four months, and Western economic sanctions imposed to curb Tehran's disputed nuclear programme.

While the wealthy are forking out for supercars costing between \$110,000 (for an entry-level Porsche Boxster) to \$360,000 (for a Porsche Panamera Turbo or a Maserati GranTurismo), working Iranians are getting by on an average monthly salary of \$700.

Iran's automobile market is highly protected against imports, allowing in only 40,000 vehicles last year, despite steadily growing demand mostly met through domestic production of some 1.6 million cars per year.

There are now an estimated 14 million vehicles on Iran's roads, more than double the six million registered in 2005.



### Egypt scraps Israel gas accord

CAIRO (AFP) - Egypt has scrapped a 2005 gas export deal with Israel, which relies on Egyptian natural gas for 40 percent of its supplies to produce electricity, the chairman of a government holding firm said on Sunday.

The accord was "annulled on Thursday with the East Mediterranean Gas Co (EMG) which exports gas to Israel because the company failed to respect conditions

stipulated in the contract," Mohamed Shoeib of Egyptian Natural Gas Holding Co (EGAS) told AFP.

The sale of gas to Israel, which signed a peace treaty with Egypt in 1979, has always been controversial in the Arab world's most populous country. It was the largest trade deal between the two former foes.

There was no immediate reaction from Israel on the termination of the gas accord.

# Germany's Merkel, China's Wen open Hanover trade fair

Hanover, Germany (AFP) - German Chancellor Angela Merkel and Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao officially opened Sunday evening the Hannover Messe, the world's biggest industry and trade fair.

China is this year's guest of honour at the gigantic annual week-long trade fair, which brings together 5,000 manufacturing and technology companies from 69 countries in this northern German city from April 23-27.

As many as 500 companies are from China alone. And the motto of this year's Hannover Messe is "Green Intelligence" with the focus on environmentally sustainable innovations and technologies.

Bilateral trade between Germany and China stood at 144 billion euros last year and "we're working on making this even more," she said

Swiss banks targeted in 'economic war' says UBS chief GENEVA (AFP) - Switzerland's financial industry could lose 20,000 jobs in the coming years due to the "economic war" being waged by the EU and US against its top banks, the head of UBS warned in an interview Sunday. "Switzerland has been attacked since 2008," Sergio Ermotti, the head of Switzerland's leading bank, told the SonntagsZeitung. This was partly because it offered more favourable tax rates than its international competitors, he added. "The idea is to weaken the two great Swiss banks, which have seen international success," he argued, referring to UBS and Credit Suisse.His comments came after French prosecutors on April 12 opened a probe into whether the bank had helped its French clients avoid taxes.



# Doctor salutes Robin Gibb's 'incredible' recovery



LONDON (AFP) - The doctor of Bee Gees singer Robin Gibb on Sunday hailed his "quite incredible" recovery, a day after the star woke from a coma and responded to members of his family.

Gibb, 62, contracted pneumonia and fell into the coma last week. He is suffering from colon and liver cancer.

Doctor Andrew Thillainayagam, of Imperial College Healthcare, said he had warned Robin's wife, Dwina, son, Robin John and brother, Barry, three days ago to expect the worst.

"The prognosis was very grave, given that Robin had brain swelling from liver failure, a severe pneumonia and a weakened immune system from malnutrition," the doctor said in a statement.

"We felt it was very likely that Robin would succumb to what seemed to be insurmountable obstacles to any form of meaningful recovery," he added. "As a team, we were all concerned that we might be approaching the realms of futility.

"It is testament to Robin's extraordinary courage, iron will and deep reserves of physical strength that he has overcome quite incredible odds to get where he is now."

Gibb is now fully conscious, lucid and able to speak to loved ones gathered by his hospital bed in west London.

However, Thillainayagam warned that the road ahead remained uncertain but said it was "a privilege to look after such an extraordinary human being".

The British star's wife Dwina said this week that the singer's brother, fellow Bee Gee Barry Gibb, had been singing to Robin to try to rouse him. His three children had also been playing music to him, she said.



# Global Beauty & Home Trade Show on Aruba now!



Aruban company Kelly Consultancy, specialist in sales and marketing was approached by the Consul General of Colombia, Mr. Tarquino Pacheco to form an association with Global Eventos of Bogota, Colombia. The purpose for the association is to bring "Feria Comercial" Global Beauty & Home Trade Show to Aruba.

A host of International companies, among them, Colombia, Venezuela, Panama, Mexico, St. Kitts, Jamaica and Aruba, will demonstrate and offer innovative home and beauty products to the local Aruba market.

This event is scheduled to take place here today, April 23rd from 4 p.m. 5:00 p.m. for invitees and the press.

For the general public the event will be open after 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 pm, and will be held in the building adjacent to Kong Hing Supercenter on the L.G. Smith Blvd. 152. The show will be open to the public everyday from 10:00 in the morning till 10:00 in the evening. There will be an entrance contribution of Afls.2.50 for adults and children under 12 and pensioners will be admitted gratis. They will be raffling a motor bike. A portion of the entrance fee will be donated to a foundation on the island.

Who is GLOBAL EVENTOS

Global Eventos is a company comprised of different small businesses in Colombia and other South American and Caribbean countries



that produces and commercializes a large number of products. The Global Beauty & Home Trade Show is considered a demonstration show where professionals show the public in an interactive manner how to operate and use their products. This is not your typical traditional type exposition, according to the organizers.

Several other countries in the Caribbean have already had this fare. They've been to St. Maarten, Anguilla, Bahamas. And, they are very happy to be able to bring their fare to Aruba. They will be displaying over 200 products for home and beauty care, such as: Power Generators, Pressure Washers, Pumps, Multi Use Key

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## German school reform worries sports world



BERLIN (AFP) - Germany's future Steffi Grafs and Dirk Nowitzkis may not have the same chance to become worldclass athletes because of longer school hours that have cut into afternoon sports, officials worry.

Under pressure to make life easier for working parents, schools across Germany are gradually beginning to extend the school day until around 3:30 or 4:00 pm for children from the age of six, replacing the long-held school-bell hour of 12:30 or 1:00 pm.

Officials from the sports world are worried about the long-term impact in a country that traditionally nurtures the stars of tomorrow on afterschool playing fields and at Germany's sterling sports

"Sports associations clearly feel that pupils have less time," said Frank Obst of the western state of Hesse's sports federa-

Germany, which ranked fifth on the medals table at the 2008 Olympic Games, has 91,000 sports clubs. Obst stressed that they provide the foundation for the nation's sports scene.

Boris Rump of the German Olympic Committee said so far there had not been a strong fall in the number of youngsters taking part in sports, but said sports clubs must actively try to get involved in schools to survive.

One such example is a sports club in Berg, on the Swiss border, which provides afternoon table-tennis lessons to around 75 children from four different

It had to employ someone to provide the coaching, which

takes place at school and is funded partly with regional subsidies, said Gerhard Scheuing, who is in charge of the club's youth section.

-- Can't wait until 15 to start

playing -"Schools are constantly on the lookout for interesting and varied activities to fill their curriculum," Scheuing said.

Admittedly, the club only recruited one new member through the scheme last year, but, Scheuing stresses, "the effect will be seen in the long

In practice, younger pupils rarely have afternoon classes anyway, and, if they do, they are not held five days a week, as afternoons are reserved for school sports or musical pur-

Officials also face challenges posed by shifting trends in the popularity of a certain sport, making it harder to attract children.

"Children are no longer coming to tennis, it's tennis which has to go to the children," lamented Michael Mueller of the German Tennis Federation, saying that unlike other sports, it had not developed a strategy for schools.

"If I'm looking for a new Boris Becker, he can't start playing tennis at the age of 15," he added.

Concerns are also rife that competing at a high level with the potential of becoming a top athlete will take a hit if new school timetables have to be accommodated.

"Regular training three or four times a week becomes very difficult to reconcile with school," Rump said.

# Gold Coast Aruba: Great savings for large families on holiday rentals



Aruba's newest and most innovative gated community has enjoyed steady sales since breaking ground, as many are finding the secure surroundings and outstanding amenities are just what they were looking for before considering purchasing property on the island. Some owners are using the villas or town homes as vacation retreats rather than full time and are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready in-

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," noted Gold Coast developer Fito Croes. To assist in the demand for more complete facilities for groups and fami-lies, famed hotelier Ed Ma-lone has been placed in charge of the rental

Staying at Gold Coast is a very attractive proposition for those traveling with groups that would require multiple hotel rooms. Two and three bedroom Villas or Town Homes accommodate large numbers and offer extensive amenities along with a final cost resulting in considerable savings. The community is minutes to the best beaches and all the casino action, and offers a quiet and secluded getaway with two swimming pools and specialized services with more on the way, such as a fitness room, tennis courts and mini-mall. Ed can arrange maid service, babysitters, caterers, airline pick-up

and drop-off; they even boast high-speed fiber-optic Intera shopping service to stock your shelves before arrival.

Gold Coast accommodations are elegant and spacious, offering privacy for parents or a few couples.

net connection, individual washer/dryer, and are fully air-conditioned. Cribs, high chairs and hair dryers are available for a modest fee. Concierge services to arrange



Beautifully appointed kitchens and bathrooms grace each abode; barbecues and lounges are provided for friendly cookouts and truly savoring the island life. All homes come with cable TV, rental cars, spa appointments, activities and restaurant reservations are all part of the package



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### **SPORTS**

## Formula One: Dominant Vettel wins in Bahrain



(L to R) Lotus F1 Team's Finnish driver Kimi Raikkonen, Red Bull Racing's German driver Sebastian Vettel and Lotus F1 Team's French driver Romain Grosjean and RedBull's team principal Christian Horner celebrate on the podium after the AFP PHOTO Bahrain Formula One Grand Prix.

MANAMA(AFP) - Defending double world champion Sebastian Vettel claimed his first win of the year on Sunday to take over as leader of the Formula One title race when he triumphed in the controversial Bahrain Grand Prix.

Without any threatened interference from demonstrators at the heavily-guarded Sakhir circuit the 24-year-old German regained the form of last year and controlled the race.

King Hamad was among 10,500 spectators on the main grandstand and a smaller audience watched from other platforms as double world champion of Germany led from start to finish.



drivers' standings after registering his 22nd career victory with a near-flawless drive from pole position to the chequered

Vettel came home ahead of Kimi Raikkonen, the 2007 champion, and the Finn's Lotus team-mate Romain Grosjean.

It was Grosiean's first podium finish in Formula One and the 25-year-old Frenchman said: "For me, I am very happy to have my first podium and to go like this, one step at a time.

Australian Mark Webber finished fourth in the second Red Bull, confirming their return to form after a lacklustre start to the year.

Vettel was the fourth different winner in four races so far in the 2012 season and he now leads the overall standings with 53 points ahead of Lewis Hamilton 49 and Webber on 48.

German Nico Rosberg, who claimed his maiden victory for the Mercedes team at last weekend's Chinese Grand Prix, finished fifth ahead of Briton Paul Di Resta of Force India and Fernando Alonso of Fer-

Hamilton came home eighth after a troubled race for McLaren, ahead of Felipe Massa in the second Ferrari and, amazingly, seven-times champion Michael Schumacher in the second Mer-

Schumacher had started from 22nd on the grid.

Hamilton's McLaren teammate Jenson Button retired on the final lap after a late puncture, but had been unable to mount a serious challenge in a race of rapidly-changing posi-

The top four finishers were all powered by Renault engines, the automotive company that owned the Lotus team until last year.

It was the first time since 1979 that Lotus, in name, had carried two drivers to podium finishes at a Grand Prix.

Vettel made a fast and smooth getaway from the grid, pulling clear of Hamilton who held second ahead of a fierce scrap for positions behind them.

The Lotus team provided the major surprise with their pace, notably from Raikkonen whose return to F1 after two years in rallying has seen him deliver his familiar pace and mature judgement as he went from 11th on the grid to finish second.

Most of the teams operated on three-stop strategies to make the most of their tyres in the demanding conditions, but Di Resta chose a two-stop strategy that left him fighting to hang on in the closing stages when, as Vettel resisted a charge from Raikkonen, the Scot held off Alonso's Ferrari.

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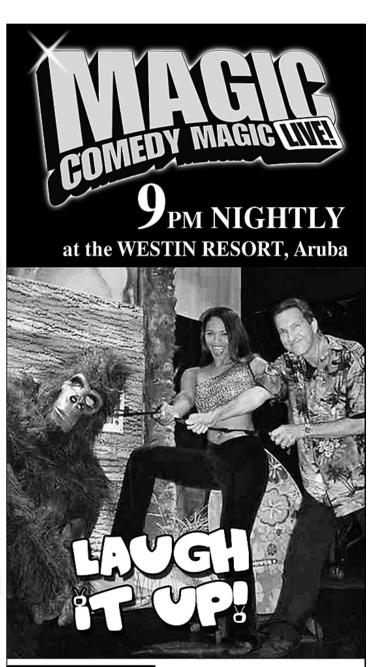
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"Never," Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez said when asked if he'd experienced anything like the mammoth comeback.

"It's still pretty shocking," said Mark Teixeira, who drove in six runs with his three-run home run, a solo homer and a two-run double.

Nick Swisher also drove in six runs with a grand slam and a two-run double.

"What a huge win for us," Swisher said. "For us to come out, get smacked around for the first five innings, it was nice to put it in high gear and see what this line-up can do top to bottom.'

After scoring one run in the sixth inning, the Yankees scored seven runs in both the seventh and eighth frames.

New York manager Joe Girardi admitted it wasn't something he expected to see.

"When you're down 9-0 after five innings, I know we have a great offense but you don't see a comeback at any level very often (like that).'

Red Sox manager Bobby Valentine could barely believe his eyes.

"It happened quickly and it was hard to believe," said Valentine. "I think we've hit bottom," Valentine said. "That's what I told them after the game. You have to sometimes hit bottom. If this isn't bottom, then we'll find some new ends to the Earth, I guess, or something.'



MADRID (AFP) - Barcelona coach Pep Guardiola hailed Real Madrid as the new Spanish champions after his side lost 2-1 to their bitter rivals at Camp Nou on week-end.

The defeat left Madrid seven points clear with just four games left and comfortably within reach of their first La Liga title since 2008 and their 32nd in history.

"I congratulate Real Madrid for their victory and also for their league title which I have no doubt they have clinched tonight," said Guardiola, whose side had won the last three league titles.

Guardiola also defended his decision to start the game with Gerard Pique and Cesc Fabregas on the bench.

"I selected the team which I thought had the best chance to defeat Madrid and, anyway, the losers are always wrong," he said. "Now we have to look to the future."

That was a reference to Tuesday's Champions League semi-final against Chelsea when the Spanish giants will attempt to overturn a 1-0 deficit from the first game at Stamford Bridge last week.

Real Madrid assistant coach Aitor Karanka, whose side lost



Real Madrid's Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo (L) heads the ball next to Barcelona's Chiliean forward Alexis Sanchez (R) during the Spanish League "El clasico".

5-1 in the same fixture last season, refused to declare the title race was finished.

Real have a 2-1 semi-final deficit to overturn on Wednesday against Bayern Munich at their Santiago Bernabeu home.

Cristiano Ronaldo grabbed the winner in the 73rd minute on Saturday after Barca substitute Alexis Sanchez had hit a 70th-minute equaliser to Sami Khedira's first-half goal.

The goal was Ronaldo's 54th in all competitions this season.

"Ronaldo has given us lots of fantastic moments. For me, he is the best player in the world," said Karanka.

Ronaldo outshone fellow superstar Lionel Messi, who was largely anonymous, and later "Mission accomtweeted: plished".

On a memorable night for Madrid, their first goal was the 108th of their league campaign which beat the record previously held by the Real Madrid side of the 1989-90 season.

Madrid midfielder Xabi Alonso also refused to believe that the title race was over.

"It's a very important result, but it hasn't decided anything,' said Alonso.

Barcelona's Sergio Busquets admitted the game was almost up for his team.











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# Tennis: Nadal defeats Djokovic for Monte Carlo title



Spain's Rafael Nadal celebrates after winning against Serbia's Novak Djokovic during the Monte-Carlo ATP Masters Series Tournament tennis final match on April 22, 2012 in Monaco. Nadal won 6-3, 6-1. **AFP PHOTO** 

MONTE CARLO (AFP) - bear the stress of another gru-Rafael Nadal was dreaming of elling claycourt campaign, a seventh French Open title on Sunday after clinching his eighth successive Monte Carlo title by ending a sevenfinal losing streak to Novak Diokovic.

Nadal, who came into Monte Carlo with more question marks over whether or not his suspect knees would

gave the perfect response with a swaggering 6-3, 6-1 defeat of world number one Djokovic.

The Spaniard's next assignment is Barcelona where he has been champion in six of seven editions.

Djokovic was admittedly under-done in the 78-minute final, playing with the grief he has borne all week after learning Thursday of the death of his grandfather in Serbia.

After fighting through to three victories, he simply ran out of gas in the final.

"Djokovic wasn't the real best Djokovic," admitted Nadal. "But in other finals that I played against him, I wasn't my real best, either."

Nadal had said before the match that he was fully prepared to accept a possible eighth consecutive loss to his Serbian rival, who beat him six times in 2011 - including for clay Masters 1000 titles in Madrid and Rome - as well as winning their marathon sixhour Australian Open title match in January.

But with Djokovic suffering, the rout for the Spaniard meant a huge confidence boost as the clay season gains traction heading towards the French Open in Paris next

"Monte Carlo is the most beautiful Masters 1000 tournament for me," said Nadal. "To start the clay court season winning here is an amazing

"My level of tennis was high during the last four matches -- since the second round, it was very high. Today the first set was the highest moment of all the week. For that reason I must be very

happy.
"To beat Novak in a final after losing a few is an important result for me. It was important to break this series and to do it here, it's perfect.

"To have eight victories, you must be lucky, you have to have no injuries, perfect conditions for eight years in a row. That's the first thing.

"And you have to be playing almost perfect to win eight titles in a row, especially in a Masters. The best in the world always play, you have to win against the best."

Nadal's victory marked his first ATP trophy since winning a sixth Roland Garros last

Djokovic admitted: "I just didn't have any emotional energy left in me.

Nadal's win was his 42nd in a row at the Mediterranean venue and marks his 47th career trophy and 20th in a Masters 1000 tournament, the first to achieve that honour.

